(II) *For 7th Five Year Plan*

(i) Enlisting of the live collection in the Botanic Gardens in India.

(ii) Inventorisation of the cultivated plants in India for the Manual of cultivated plants in India.

(iii) Revision of some plant tribes of the family *Arecaceae* for the Flora of India Project.

(iv) Captive breeding of plants.

(b) Based on a comprehensive review, the functions, organisation and programmes of the Botanical Survey of India have been streamlined and targets spelt out for the realisation of its objectives in a time-frame spanning upto 2000 AD.

(c) and (d) The Haryana Urban Development Authority is considering a proposal to set up a Botanical Garden cum Ficus Research Centre at Karnal. There is no other proposal for setting up a national botanical garden in Delhi or Karnal.

[*Translation*]

Sale/Purchase of DDA Flats by Property Dealers

3376. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints regarding sale and purchase of DDA flats by some property dealers have been received by the Delhi Development Authority ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by DDA ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 5 complaints were received regarding illegal sale and purchase of flats. In 3 cases show cause notices for cancellation of allotment have been issued, one case is sub-judice and in the remaining one the allegations were found to be unsubstantiated by Anti-Corruption Branch, Delhi Administration.

(c) Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Assistance to Physically Handicapped

3377. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to SQ. No. 194 on July 29, 1991 and state :

(a) the number of disabled persons assisted during 1990-91 and per-capita expenditure on assistance for purchase/treatment of aids/appliances;

(b) the number of scholarships granted to disabled persons during 1990-91 and the institutions where these students are placed ;

(c) the number of NGOs assisted by the Government during 1990-91, the total assistance during the year as well as names of such organisations in Bihar and assistance received by them during the year ; and

(d) the number of handicapped unemployed who got employment through the Special Cells, Vocational Rehabilitation Centres and special employment exchanges during 1990-91.

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances and through DRC Schemes about one lakh disabled persons were benefited and per-capita expenditure was Rs. 500.

(b) During the year 37,171 students were given scholarships through the States/Union Territory Governments studying under the institutions throughout the country.

(c) The number of NGOs assisted during the year is 215. The total assistance during the year for such organisations in Bihar is Rs. 15,79,132. The organisations assisted are as under :

(1) Girija Shankar Drishtiheen Balika Vidyalaya.

(2) Home for Mental Retardates & Psychological Sufferers.

(3) Blind Girls School.

(4) Prakritik Arogyashram.

(5) Bihar Rehabilitation & Welfare Institute.

(6) Santhal Paharia Sewa Mandal.

(7) Gaya Netraheen Vidyalaya.

(d) As per the information available, 7652 persons got placemtnts during the year.

Drug Abuse

3378. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether on the International Day against Drug abuse and illicit trafficking, U.N. Secretary General commended the renewed commitment of international community to join forces to respond to the global threat of drug abuse; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto indicating the steps taken to effectively check drug abuse at the Central and States level and the financial assistance provided and the scheme formulated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken following steps to deal with the problem of drug abuse :—

(i) The narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 are in force in the country and are being implemented by the concerned agencies.

(ii) Under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organsations for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention sponsored by the Ministry of Welfare 112 counselling centres, 44 de-addiction centres and 10 After-care Centres have been set up in States and Union Territories for providing counselling, de-addiction and after-care services to drug addicts. The grant sanctioned under this scheme during the